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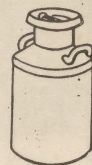
# DAIRY PRODUCTION

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## OKLAHOMA MILK PRODUCTION DROPS

**OKLAHOMA:** Milk production during the first quarter of 1975, estimated at 262 million pounds, was down 3 percent from the same quarter last year, according to the Oklahoma Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

There was an average of 121,000 milk cows in Oklahoma during March, 4,000 less than in 1974. With total production for March at 91 million pounds, the average yield per cow was 755 pounds, 5 pounds below the previous year. On April 1, reporters were feeding 12.2 pounds of grain and other concentrates per milk cow, down significantly from the 14.3 pounds fed on April 1, 1974.

**UNITED STATES:** Milk production during March is estimated at 10,023 million pounds, up 0.4 percent from a year earlier. Production for the first quarter of 1975 was 0.2 percent above the same period last year but nearly 2 percent below 1973. March milk production per cow averaged 897 pounds, up 8 pounds from a year ago and 14 pounds above March 1973. Milk cows on farms totaled 11,176,000 during March, down less than 1 percent from a year ago. This marked the third consecutive month of declining cow numbers after increasing slightly over the latter half of 1974. Grain and other concentrates fed milk cows on April 1 averaged 13.2 pounds per cow compared with 13.8 on the same date the past two years.

### MILK PRODUCTION ON FARMS, OKLAHOMA AND UNITED STATES SELECTED MONTHS, 1975, WITH COMPARISONS

Month	O K L A H O M A				U N I T E D S T A T E S			
	1973	1974	1975	$\frac{1975}{1974}$	1973	1974	1975	$\frac{1975}{1974}$
	- Million Pounds -			Percent	- Million Pounds -			Percent
January	94	89	87	98	9,525	9,287	9,301	100
February	88	85	84	99	8,932	8,765	8,768	100
March	101	95	91	96	10,176	9,988	10,023	100

### OKLAHOMA: MILK COWS ON FARMS, MONTHLY PRODUCTION PER COW, AND TOTAL MILK PRODUCTION, 1974, WITH COMPARISONS

Month	Milk Cows on Farms			Monthly Production Per Cow			Total Milk Production		
	1972	1973	1974	1972	1973	1974	1972	1973	1974
	-Thousands-			-Pounds-			-Million Pounds-		
January	138	134	126	710	705	710	98	94	89
February	138	133	125	705	665	680	97	88	85
March	138	133	125	780	760	760	108	101	95
April	138	132	125	805	765	810	111	101	101
May	138	132	124	840	835	860	116	110	107
June	137	132	124	795	765	815	109	101	101
July	136	130	124	795	765	810	108	99	100
August	136	129	123	760	745	790	103	96	97
September	135	128	123	725	690	750	98	88	92
October	134	127	122	740	695	750	99	88	92
November	134	127	122	695	680	730	93	86	89
December	134	126	122	710	700	730	95	88	89
Annual	136	130	124	9,081	8,769	9,169	1,235	1,140	1,137

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MILK PRICES DOWN SHARPLY

Prices paid to dairymen for all milk sold during January, February, and March of 1975, at \$8.55, \$8.50, and \$8.25 per cwt., respectively, averaged about \$1.45 per cwt. below the prices for the first quarter of 1974. Prices were lower for both fluid milk and manufacturing grade milk. Fat tests for the quarter averaged slightly above those of the previous year.

The U.S. March milk-feed price ratio at 1.38 was 4 percent above February but 7 percent below March 1974. The average price of milk sold to plants was below the previous month in all regions, but more than offsetting was a decline in the value of dairy rations. The average value of grain and other concentrates fed milk cows, at \$5.90 per cwt., was 5 percent below the previous month, the fifth consecutive month decline.

OKLAHOMA: PRICES AND FAT CONTENT OF MILK SOLD TO PLANTS									
Month	Milk Price Per 100 Pounds								
	All Milk			Fluid Milk			Manufacturing Milk		
	1973	1974	1975 1/	1973	1974	1975 1/	1973	1973	1975 1/
	-Dollars-			-Dollars-			-Dollars-		
January	7.00	9.75	8.55	7.25	9.95	8.75	5.30	7.85	7.10
February	7.00	10.10	8.50	7.25	10.30	8.70	5.30	8.05	7.05
March	6.90	9.80	8.25	7.10	10.05	8.45	5.30	7.95	7.00
Milkfat Content									
Month	-Percent-			-Percent-			-Percent-		
	1973	1974	1975 1/	1973	1974	1975 1/	1973	1973	1975 1/
	-Percent-			-Percent-			-Percent-		
	1973	1974	1975 1/	1973	1974	1975 1/	1973	1973	1975 1/
January	3.79	3.81	3.74	3.79	3.82	3.75	3.82	3.76	3.70
February	3.73	3.67	3.73	3.74	3.67	3.75	3.70	3.66	3.63
March	3.60	3.54	3.61	3.60	3.55	3.62	3.56	3.49	3.57
1/ Preliminary.									

BUTTER AND ICE CREAM OUTPUT UP

Butter production in Oklahoma for the first 3 months of 1975 was 8.5 million pounds compared to 6.0 million pounds during the same period in 1974, an increase of 41 percent. Ice cream production was 16 percent above the comparable quarter last year with 1,750,000 gallons compared to 1,505,000 gallons.

OKLAHOMA: BUTTER AND ICE CREAM						
Month	Butter			Ice Cream 1/		
	1973	1974	1975 2/	1973	1974	1975 2/
	-1,000 Pounds-			-1,000 Gallons-		
	1973	1974	1975 2/	1973	1974	1975 2/
January	2,877	2,780	3,040	436	390	555
February	2,182	1,640	2,545	516	530	565
March	2,003	1,560	2,865	585	585	630
1/ Includes ice cream produced both wholesale and retail. 2/ Preliminary.						

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